

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A fixing system according to claim 11, wherein when said clamp is in said tool-dismounting second position, an assembly constituted by said two ~~angle~~ angled parts are suitable for deforming under effect of pivoting of said tool so that an end of said second angled part becomes disengaged from said retaining groove.

3. (Previously presented) A fixing system according to claim 11, wherein said second angled part includes a main portion and said end of said second angled part forms an angle with said main portion.

4. (Previously presented) A fixing system according to claim 11, wherein said top edge of said retaining groove is chamfered.

5. (Previously presented) A fixing system according to claim 11, wherein when said clamp is brought into its clamping position, said retaining member exerts a force having a vertical component on said tool.

6. (Previously presented) A fixing system according to claim 11, wherein said end of said second angled part comes into abutment against the top edge of said retaining groove whatever said position of said clamp.

7 (Canceled)

8 (Canceled)

9 (Canceled)

10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A system for fixing a bending tool, said tool including two parallel fixing surfaces for fixing by clamping and a retaining groove, said system comprising:

(a) a clamping body having a first clamping surface collaborating with one fixing surface of said tool;

(b) a tool clamp mounted so that it can pivot, said tool clamp having a second clamping surface, said tool clamp being moveable between a first tool-clamping position in which fixing surfaces of said tool are clamped between said first and second clamping surfaces and a second position, in which said second clamping surface is separated from said first clamping surface

of said clamping body allowing mounting/demounting of said tool;
and

(c) a tool retaining member distinct from said clamping body including a number of mutually parallel elastically deformable blades arranged in a same plane, each blade having a first end secured to said clamping body in a fixed position, a running part arranged in such a way that, at rest, it is pressed against said first fixing face of said ~~clamping~~ tool and a second end shifted with respect to said first clamping surface of said clamping body, said second end having at least a first angled part angled toward said tool with respect to said running part and a second angled part angled in an opposite direction whereby said angled parts, when said blade is at rest, ~~are held elastically in a~~ remain engaged in said retaining groove of ~~the~~ said tool and whereby, when said clamp is in said second position, said running part of said each blade ~~can be deformed elastically to allow~~ allows said angled parts of said each elastically deformable ~~blades~~ blade to be introduced into or extracted from said retaining groove.